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**STICKING IT TO THE MAN**

The Pittsburgh Penguins' Robert Bortuzzo, right, clears Andrew Ladd of the Winnipeg Jets from in front of Penguins goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury at the MTS Centre on Thursday night. For the story, flip to page 28.

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Fatal rollover near The Pas

Deadly accident.
Correctional officer dead, driver in stable condition after highway accident

Less serious injuries

The six male prisoners in the back were also taken to hospital as a precaution, but none of them suffered any serious injuries.

A Manitoba corrections officer is dead after a car crash near The Pas on Thursday morning.

The Pas RCMP say the woman, a driver and six inmates were travelling from Dauphin to The Pas at about 9:45 a.m. on Highway 10. The van was about 45 kilometres outside of the town when the driver lost control of the vehicle.

The vehicle ended up veering into the ditch, rolled and came to rest under the trees nearby.

An officer, identified by media as Rhonda Commodore, was thrown from the vehicle. The 44-year-old woman was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Pas RCMP say they're unsure if she was wearing a

seatbelt. She was a passenger at the time.

The driver, a 43-year-old man, was taken to hospital in stable condition. The six male prisoners in the back were also taken to hospital as a precaution, but none of them suffered any serious injuries.

RCMP said they are investigating and road conditions were considered a factor. RCMP spokeswoman Tara Seel said the weather at the time was "winter-like, with snow-covered and icy roads."

Despite the crash, no inmates escaped, she added.

The van was noticed by someone driving by, who called police.

"We responded immediately," said Seel. METRO

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City extends yard waste pickup

The city is extending curb-side pickup of yard waste for an extra two weeks.

This year's final day for yard waste pickup service (weather permitting) will be Nov. 28, city officials said in a news release on Thursday.

Residents can determine their personal last day by visiting winnipeg.ca, calling 311 or emailing 311@winnipeg.ca.

Yard waste must be placed in reusable containers, such as old blue boxes and plastic tubs, or in cardboard boxes or compostable paper yard waste bags.

Officials remind residents to place their yard waste to the side of their recycling and garbage carts, leaving an arm's length between each. **METRO**

Assiniboine Park Zoo

Zoo admission free for Forces

Assiniboine Park Zoo is offering free admission to veterans and members of the Canadian Armed Forces in honour of Remembrance Day. Zoo officials issued a press release Thursday stating that free admission for these military guests runs Saturday till Nov. 14.

"It's important to remember and recognize those who have made personal sacrifices to serve their country," said Brian Joseph, director of zoological operations. "Having served as an Army reserve veterinarian, I've seen that sacrifice and dedication first-hand."

The zoo will be open only from 1 to 4 p.m. on Remembrance Day. **METRO**



Minister Steve Ashton announces the early release of the 2015 infrastructure list. COLIN FAST/FOR METRO

NDP looks to rebuild after a ruinous week

Infrastructure.

Province releases 2015 plan a month early

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Moving on from a disastrous week of party infighting, the NDP government's new cabinet started rolling out good-news announcements on Thursday.

Education Minister Peter Bjornson and Family Services Minister Kerri-Irvin Ross cut the ribbon on a new gym at

a Fort Richmond elementary school, while Infrastructure and Transportation Minister Steve Ashton released the province's 2015 infrastructure plan a month early.

"Normally you might wait for a significant amount of the construction tendering until the spring," Ashton explained. "This is the earliest ever we've had the tender list out, and that was a clear message from industry, given that we're going to be ramping up construction to historic levels."

Chris Lorenc of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association said releasing

Hooray?

"I know there was a lot of construction delays this year. There will be even more next year, but that's a good thing."

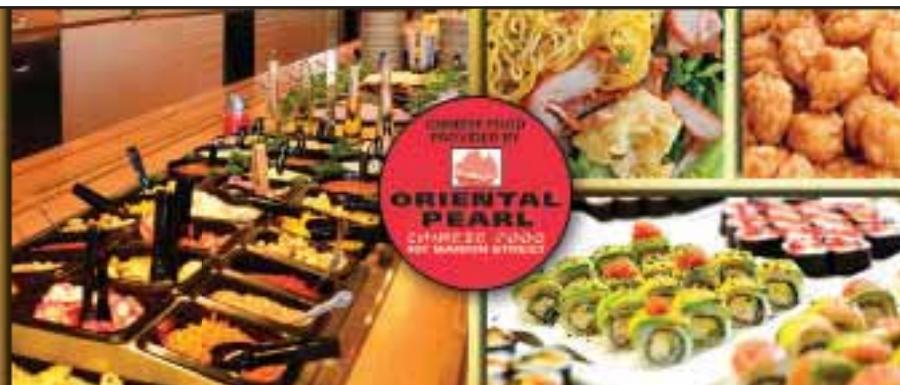
Infrastructure and Transportation Minister Steve Ashton

59 and the Perimeter Highway as well as rehabilitation work on the overpass at Roblin Boulevard and the Perimeter.

"I know there was a lot of construction delays this year. There will be even more next year, but that's a good thing," Ashton said.

Ashton refused to comment on the ongoing drama surrounding Premier Greg Selinger's leadership, other than saying: "When you're part of the decision, you're part of the decision. You do have the option to vote otherwise, or to leave that body. But I believe in solidarity."

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Drunken call

Man arrested after reports of shots fired turn out to be false

A Winnipeg man has been arrested after police say he drunkenly called 911 to report that someone had been shot.

Police — and fire-fighters, ambulances, AIR1 and the K9 unit — rushed to the scene Wednesday on Flora Avenue at about 7:25 p.m. after a man in a house in the 300 block said someone had been shot.

After making sure the house was secure, they rushed inside to find the man drunk and belligerent, and no sign of gunfire or anyone injured.

Larry Dwayne McCloy was arrested and charged with public mischief.

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Fraud charges

Four tell of dating alleged fraudster

Four more people have come forward after they say they were defrauded by a smooth-talking dating huckster.

Police said in September a man targeted women through dating websites and started relationships with them.

Once he had their trust, he would steal their banking information and cheque books, deposit fraudulent cheques and then withdraw money from ATMs.

The man continued through September before he was caught on Sept. 29. Two women came forward to complain they had lost a total of \$27,000.

Police say four more people have come forward with similar complaints.

Kevin James Alderton, 37, faces several new charges, including four counts of fraud under \$5,000, to go along with his original charges of fraud and theft over \$5,000.

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Mayor Brian Bowman enters the city council chamber on Tuesday, moments before the official swearing-in ceremony. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Mayor wants to tackle low morale of city staff

Union help. Presidents hope new mayor means new talks



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Leaders of two City of Winnipeg unions say they're ready and willing to meet with new Mayor Brian Bowman to discuss workplace issues and how to raise morale.

Mike Davidson, president of CUPE Local 500, and Andy Weremy, president of the Winnipeg Association of Public Service Officers (WAPSO), said during Tuesday

evening's swearing-in ceremony that they're encouraged by Bowman's remarks on the importance of public servants' work.

"I want members of our civil service to know that they are valued," said Bowman, who has civil servants in his family, including his wife Tracy.

"It, at times, can be a very thankless job, and especially with what we've seen at city hall over the last number of years, you're right, morale could be a lot higher.... Their work matters, we need their expertise, we need their passion and we need their commitment, and they're going to have an ally in the mayor and council to help them succeed at the work I know

At a glance

Both Mike Davidson and Andy Weremy say a top issue for their members is the \$14-million-a-year vacancy

they want to do for the citizens of Winnipeg."

Weremy said WAPSO surveys clearly indicate low morale, with many of the 650 administrative, supervisory and professional staff they represent feeling "overworked, undervalued."

Davidson said the City of Winnipeg has challenges that were made worse by 14 years of property tax freezes, which he sees as contributing to problems such

as brown water and frozen pipes.

"I think the one thing that he has to understand is you can only cut back so far until you hit the bone," said Davidson, pointing to the recent outside audit of the city's public works department that determined it's already lean.

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The Manitoban celebrates 100 years

It was intended as a "bi-monthly journal published by the students of the University of Manitoba," with its first edition a staid column and image of recently appointed president Dr. James A. MacLean.

The years since Nov. 5, 1914, have been anything but demure for The Manitoban, which celebrated its 100th birthday with the completion of an ambitious project that sees its collection online.

Shelley Sweeney, head of the U of M's archives and spe-

cial collections, said it's been compelling to read historical events told through the eyes of students over the decades.

One item that still moves her to tears is a young woman's account of being informed that her boyfriend was killed in the Second World War.

"I started reading it and I am telling you, I had tears running down my face, I can barely even talk about it," she said, before getting choked up again. "It was so powerful.... This could have been

a whole bunch of women across Canada."

Sweeney said it's a veritable "who's who" of notable people whose names graced the pages, including philosopher Marshall McLuhan, Graham Spry, the founder of the CBC, media mogul Israel Asper and current national columnist Andrew Coyne and television reporter Nahlah Ayed.

Even Winnipeg's new mayor, Brian Bowman, has penned articles.

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The first edition of The Manitoban on Nov. 5, 1914. HANDOUT

Franklin expedition. Brass bell from doomed HMS Erebus uncovered

A brass bell from HMS Erebus, one of the two doomed ships from the Franklin expedition that came in search of the Northwest Passage, is now in the hands of scientists in Ottawa.

Sealed in a fresh water-filled glass container, the iconic bell was unveiled today by Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq.

The bell was found in mid-September, shortly after the Erebus was discovered at the bottom of the ocean.

While corroded on the inside, there are clear visible markings on the outside of the bell, including the year 1845 and an arrow symbol signifying that the bell was the property of the British Royal Navy.

The Erebus, on which it's believed that Sir John Franklin died, was lost some 168 years ago.

Parks Canada chief underwater archaeologist Marc-André Bernier says several other artifacts were found around the site, but have been left there until dive teams can resume their inspection of the sunken vessel again next year.

Parks Canada scientists say they need to carefully clean the bell to remove all traces of sea salt from its surface.

Only then, they say, can any other historical clues from the artifact be revealed.

The respective crews of the Erebus and its companion, HMS Terror, perished after the ships went missing in the mid-1800s.

Bernier says it's believed the ships became locked in sea ice and eventually sank as their wooden hulls became waterlogged and cracked apart.

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Royal Canadian Navy Rear Admiral John Newton takes a picture of the ship's bell from the recently discovered Franklin Expedition shipwreck HMS Erebus in Ottawa on Thursday. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Walter meets his significant otter

Otterly adorable.
Vancouver Aquarium's blind sea otter, named Walter, has met Tanu, a new companion

 THANDI FLETCHER
Metro in Vancouver

It's been a long road to recovery for Walter the sea otter.

But on Thursday, more than a year after he was blinded by a shotgun blast to the face near Tofino, B.C., Walter was introduced to Tanu, a female sea otter also receiving care at the aquarium who staff hope will become a long-term companion.

For Dr. Martin Haulena, seeing Walter, affectionately dubbed "Wally," meet another sea otter for the first time since he was rescued last October was a touching moment.

"For all of us that have seen him go from being in such terrible shape, pretty much near death ... to see him now living happily with another otter, it's kind of cool," Haulena told Metro.

Walter was rescued in October 2013 after reports about an uncharacteristically approachable sea otter on the



Walter, a sea otter blinded by a gunshot blast near Tofino, B.C., in October 2013, was introduced to Tanu on Thursday. Tanu is another rescued sea otter receiving ongoing care at the Vancouver Aquarium. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

shoreline near Tofino.

Staff at the Marine Mammal Rescue Centre rescued Walter, who was riddled with shotgun pellets and required multiple surgeries over several months to treat shattered bones in his right hind flipper and broken teeth.

Both Tanu and Walter, who is unable to forage for food since being blinded, have been deemed non-releasable by Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and require long-term care at the aquarium.

Aquarium staff selected Tanu to share a pool with

Walter in the hopes that the older, female otter would be compatible with the "gentle" Walter.

In recent weeks, Haulena said Tanu and Walter were placed in nearby enclosures, allowing the two to become accustomed to each other's presence in preparation for their first meeting.

Within moments of meeting each other Thursday, Walter and Tanu appeared to be keeping their distance, making contact only a few times while aquarium staff fed the playful pair.

Haulena said the uneventful introduction was a positive sign.

"They can be very, very vicious and they can inflict some pretty serious wounds on each other," he said. "So it's nice to see them fairly mellow."

Haulena said he hopes to see the pair one day groom each other and "hold hands," a protective behaviour the marine mammals display in the wild.

"As they get used to each other, hopefully they'll get along more and more," he said.

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NDP women re-victimized by airing of misconduct complaints: Mulcair



NDP Leader Tom Mulcair

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Pending investigation. Liberal Leader Trudeau announced suspensions of two MPs yesterday over allegations

Two female New Democrat MPs have been victimized a second time by Justin Trudeau's decision to publicize their complaints of inappropriate behaviour against two Liberal MPs, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair says.

Mulcair confirmed Thursday that it was complaints from two NDP MPs that prompted Trudeau to suspend Scott Andrews and Massimo Pacetti from the Liberal caucus pending an investigation.

Speaking in Whitby, Ont., Mulcair said he knew about the complaints but had not pursued them because the women wanted to keep the matter confidential.

"Our No. 1 concern was to make sure that they got the help they needed and that their wishes were respected," he said.

"Those wishes included a very strong desire to keep this confidential. That was their request and we were not about to override that and make them victims a second time."

The Liberal leader announced Wednesday that he was suspending Pacetti and Andrews over allegations of "serious personal misconduct" levelled by two MPs from another party. He did not name the other party or the complainants or specify the nature of the alleged misconduct.

The matter has been referred to the secretive multiparty board of internal economy. The Liberals are asking that an independent third party be brought in to investigate the complaints.

Both Pacetti and Andrews deny any wrongdoing and say they expect to be exonerated.

Trudeau took action after one of the complainants personally complained to him on Oct. 28 about the Liberal MPs' conduct. He instructed Liberal whip Judy Foote to discuss the matter with her NDP counterpart, Nycole Turmel.

Foote also interviewed both complainants and the two accused Liberal MPs.

Nevertheless, Mulcair said New Democrats had no idea Trudeau was going to make the matter public on Wednesday.

Liberals have questioned how Trudeau was supposed to respond to a complaint made directly to him without revealing, at least in general terms, why he was suspending Andrews and Pacetti. Trudeau himself said Wednesday he had a duty to make the matter public. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Grain hopper cars derail near Alberta town

Investigators inspect a Canadian Pacific Railway train derailment near Pearce, Alta., on Thursday. A company spokesman says 17 empty grain hopper cars went off the track early Thursday morning. Across the country, an empty train also derailed and plunged into a river near Sept-Îles, in the North Shore region of Quebec. In the crash, the freight train conductor was missing. DAVID ROSSITER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Money scam

Canadian fraudster sentenced in L.A. to 5 years in prison

A Canadian man who scammed money from people by convincing them their grandchildren were in danger overseas has been sentenced in Los Angeles to five years in federal prison. City News Service says

Pascal Goyer was sentenced for wire fraud. At the time of his arrest in October 2012, the FBI said his last known residence was Montreal.

Goyer is one of about a half-dozen people charged with running a scheme in which grandparents in southern California were told to send money for such things as bail or car accident repairs.

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Snakes on the plains

Sssstill more: 200 slithering snakes pulled from home

More than 200 snakes have been removed from a rural home outside Regina. And there are still more slithering inside.

Megan Lawrence with the Salthaven West wildlife centre says she helped the

homeowners capture 102 plains garter snakes last month. They were freed at a nearby nature preserve.

The family recently caught another 119 snakes and, because it's too cold for them to hibernate underground, they'll spend the winter at the centre.

Lawrence says the reptiles wriggled into the old farm house through cracks in its foundation.

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Royal Canadian Horse Artillery based in Petawawa, Ont. The injured soldiers were members of the same regiment.

Defence Minister Rob Nicholson and Brig.-Gen. Wayne Eyre, commander of 3rd Canadian Division and Joint Task Force West, expressed their condolences.

"The loss of any soldier is devastating to the military community," Nicholson said. "An investigation will be conducted into the circumstances surrounding this incident to ensure that every precaution is taken to protect the safety and security of our soldiers."

CFB Wainwright, about 200 kilometres east of Edmonton, is one of the busiest army bases in Canada.

It was used extensively to train thousands of troops before they deployed for service in Afghanistan.

Other soldiers have died at the base while training in 2008, 2007 and 2005.

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Alberta. Soldier dies of injuries following training exercise at base



Pte. Steven Allen

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A young soldier who was training to become an infantryman has died of injuries he suffered at an army base in Alberta.

Pte. Steven Allen, 20, of Victoria, was standing in a lookout tower at CFB Wainwright around noon Monday when the structure collapsed.

The military said he was airlifted to an Edmonton hospital where he succumbed to his injuries Thursday.

Another soldier who was standing in the lookout tower with him was not seriously hurt.

Allen joined the military last fall and completed his basic training course earlier this year.

He was training at Wainwright to become a fully qualified infantry soldier in the regular forces.

Fraser Logan, a military spokesman, said the circumstances of the collapse of the lookout tower are under investigation.

"I can't speak for this particular incident but in the past anything of this nature, especially with the loss of life of a Canadian Armed Forces member in a training situation, a board of inquiry would be convened," he said.

This is the second training death at the sprawling base this year.

Lt.-Col. Dan Bobbitt died when the light armoured vehicle he was in rolled during training manoeuvres in May. Four other soldiers were hurt in the same accident.

Bobbitt was commanding officer of the 2nd Regiment,

Harper travels to China with economy in mind

Four-day visit. Prime minister will try to solidify Canada's ties with our No. 2 trading partner

Prime Minister Stephen Harper arrived in China on Thursday to begin a four-day visit that will focus largely on building closer economic ties with Canada's No. 2 trading partner.

On a mild, hazy night, Harper and his wife, Laureen, were greeted at the Hangzhou airport by Liang Liming, vice-governor of Zhejiang province, and other dignitaries. The prime minister is leading a delegation of Canadian business representatives on Friday in Hangzhou, a fast-growing industrial metropolis south of Shanghai, before heading to the Chinese capital Beijing on the weekend.

Industry Minister James Moore and International Trade Minister Ed Fast are also along

for the trip. In Hangzhou, Harper is scheduled to meet with the Zhejiang province party secretary as well as the province's governor. The city presents opportunities for Canadian small- and medium-sized businesses to tap into China's exploding middle class.

Currently, Canada has a trade deficit with China of approximately \$31 billion. The Conservative government is aiming to increase exports to China to help balance trade.

Harper will also meet with Jack Ma, executive chairman of Alibaba Group, the world's largest mobile commerce company, to discuss how Canadian businesses can leverage e-commerce platforms such as Alibaba to grow their businesses internationally.

In Beijing on Saturday, Harper will meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping, who has called for a more open form of government since taking office.

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Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife Laureen are presented flowers as they arrive in Hangzhou, China THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Science is fun, but not for a career, teens say in poll

Let's Talk Science.

Survey finds gaps between teens' attitudes toward science and their plans for the future



ANGELA MULLINS
Metro in London, Ont.

Canadian teens increasingly are recognizing the importance of science lessons, but fewer than half are seeing courses through to Grade 12.

The catch-22 is highlighted in a study released Wednesday by Let's Talk Science, a London, Ont.-based organization that's working to get more kids interested in science, technology, engineering and

Clearing up confusion

- Of the 818 teens surveyed, 60 per cent believed they would need a university degree to work in the field.
- While that's true in many cases, there are many college certificate, diploma and skilled-trades programs that are heavy on science, technology, engineering and math, Let's Talk Science says.
- Read the full survey report online at letstalkscience.ca/spotlight

math (STEM).

While 72 per cent of the 13- to 17-year-olds surveyed

said they think science is fun, up from 34 per cent three years ago, only 12 per cent are interested in working in science-related fields.

The gap is slightly less between the 78 per cent of teens who say science offers them many career options and the 22 per cent who show serious interest in pursuing the field at university or college.

Overall, "attitudes toward taking science courses have remained relatively flat," said Bonnie Schmidt, president and founder of Let's Talk Science. And that means there's a lot of work to be done with Canada looking to churn out more graduates with degrees tied to science and math.

Bridging the gaps and translating attitudes into behaviours requires collective action, Lets Talk Science says.



Brewery goes where no beer has gone before

Klingon Paul Carreau chugs down some of Garrison Brewery's new beer on Thursday. The Halifax brewery is launching the Star Trek-themed beer Klingon Warnog Roggen Dunkel Ale on Friday. Warnog was the beer Klingons drank after a victorious battle in the Star Trek shows. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

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Fishy with a side of meatballs

Humphrey the Polar Bear plays with the bottom of his cake — sheets of ice that were topped with fish and meatballs — at the Toronto Zoo, Thursday. Media were given an opportunity to see the 216-pound polar bear receiving his early birthday treat. Humphrey's actual birthday will take place for the public on Sunday in the Toronto Zoo. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Muslim cleric offers checklist to help avoid radicalization

Muslims Against Terrorism

Information to be sent to more than 5,000 members asked to forward it to converts, those exploring Islam

Exploitation

"It's very important for mainstream Muslims to let (converts) know there are those who have an ideology of hate and violence who claim to represent Islam and they should not be following it."

Imam Syed Soharwardy in an article warning converts and potential converts that their future is at stake

A prominent Muslim cleric wants to distribute a checklist to help steer new and potential converts to Islam away from the path to extremism.

Imam Syed Soharwardy of Calgary, founder of Muslims Against Terrorism and the Islamic Supreme Council of Canada, has written an article warning converts and potential converts that their future is at stake. "This is a checklist, just some background and historical information," he said Thursday.

It's important for prospective converts to check out the beliefs of the imam or group helping them, Soharwardy said.

There are thousands of newly converted Muslims that have been exploited and recruited from Europe, North America and Australia to fight for the Islamic State of Iraq and

the Levant (ISIL) by people he refers to as "fanatics," Soharwardy added.

"Unfortunately, those two young guys who carried out these terrorist attacks just a few weeks ago in Ottawa and Quebec, they were also recruited by these fanatics. I'm sure that they did not know Islam, they were new to Islam and they were just abused, misguided by these fanatics," Soharwardy said in reference to the deaths of Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent and Cpl. Nathan Cirillo.

Soharwardy intends to distribute his information online and in mosques. It is to be sent to more than 5,000 members who are being asked to forward it to converts or those who are exploring Islam.

There have been a growing number of reports of Canadians joining extremist groups.

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Dozens injured in overnight bus crash

From Toronto to NYC.

Driver in critical condition after bus hit car, tractor-trailer

A bus heading from Toronto to New York City crashed into a wrecked car and a tractor-trailer on Interstate 81 outside Syracuse, N.Y., early Thursday,

injuring more than two dozen people, authorities said.

The Pine Hill Trailways bus with 52 passengers on board was travelling south on I-81 around 2:30 a.m. when it slammed into a car that had just crashed into a guard rail and came to rest in the highway's left lane just south of Syracuse, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office said.

Deputies said the bus then

Trapped

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It took emergency crews two hours to extricate the driver, Kelvin Sharpe Sr. of Buffalo, N.Y., from the vehicle's smashed-in front end, deputies said.

hit the rear of a tractor-trailer whose driver had pulled over on the highway's shoulder to

offer assistance to the car's driver.

Twenty-six of the passengers and the bus driver were injured, officials said. The driver was in critical condition at a Syracuse hospital.

The injured passengers mostly suffered lower extremity, chest, back and facial injuries, all of them apparently minor, police said.

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The bus that crashed into a tractor-trailer and a car, injuring 27 people on Interstate 81 early Thursday, in Nedrow, N.Y. ONONDAGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Health Canada study

No link between windmill noise, health issues

A Health Canada study has found no evidence to support a link between exposure to wind turbines' noise and health effects reported by people around them.

However, the study did find a relationship between the noise and residents' annoyance related to noise, vibration and shadow flicker from the structures.

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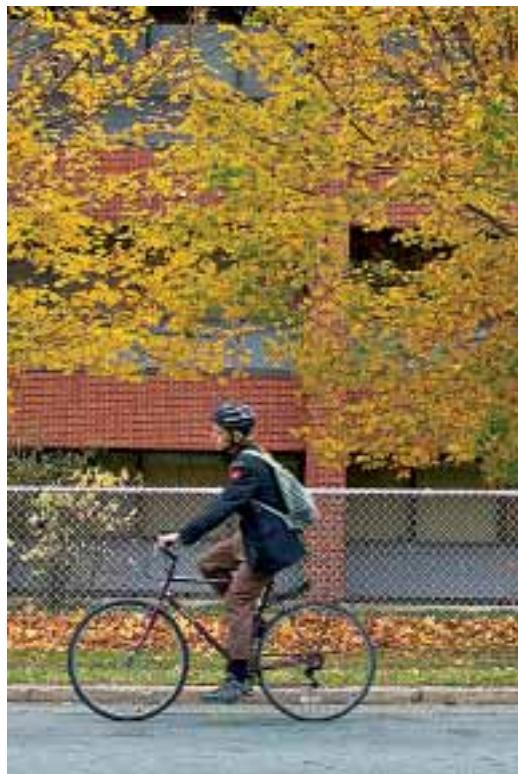
After Ottawa attack

B.C. legislature guards get guns

Guns and firearms training will be given to some guards at B.C.'s legislature in the wake of the recent fatal attack on a soldier in Ottawa and a security review.

The resolution passed early Wednesday evening means protective services staff who are designated as special provincial constables will be equipped and trained in the use of firearms.

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Nothing like a 'joyfall' ride

A cyclist travels along Baynes Road in Halifax surrounded by fall leaves on Thursday. As the leaves fall, days get shorter and temperatures dip. Environment Canada's senior climatologist is promising – yes, promising – Nova Scotians the coming winter won't be anything like the last. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

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ISIL. Military setbacks and reduced oil revenue hinder extremist cause

For a force that has built its reputation on an aura of momentum and invincibility, ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) is now dealing with a series of military setbacks in Iraq and a prolonged stalemate in the small Syrian border town of Kobani.

Gone are the days when ISIL could seize territory in both countries with relative ease. Its newfound problems, including a loss of oil revenue,

raise questions about the extent to which it will be able to continue recruiting fighters.

"(It) has run a very effective psychological campaign to intimidate its rivals and attract support and recruits," said Faysal Itani, a resident fellow at the Atlantic Council, an international think-tank.

But now, he said, the need to maintain its reputation is limiting the group's options.

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Religion

Pedophile priest excommunicated

Pope Francis has excommunicated a pedophile Argentine priest, a move cheered by advocates for victims of clerical abuse.

Jose Mercau was sentenced to 14 years in prison in 2011 after admitting to sexually abusing four teenagers.

He spent 15 days in jail and was then held in a monastery in Buenos Aires province until he was released in March.

Many welcomed the news but victims and advocates say the Catholic church still needs to be more determined, effective and severe when it comes to punishing such crimes in Argentina.

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Replacement spaceship could fly next summer

Virgin Galactic. In wake of fatal crash, workers focus on finishing new ship that is about six months from completion

Virgin Galactic, the space tourism company that suffered a tragic setback when its rocket-powered spaceship broke apart over the California desert last week, could resume test flights as early as next summer, its CEO says.

The sleek composite shell and tail section of a new craft are already sitting inside the company's facility in Mojave, Calif. After more than two years of work, it's beginning to look like a spaceship, but CEO George Whitesides said there's much more to do.

The ship will replace one that was destroyed last week after the feathering



Virgin Galactic was founded by British entrepreneur Richard Branson, shown in 2013. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

system that controls descent deployed prematurely and aerodynamic forces ripped it apart, killing the co-pilot and seriously injuring the pilot.

In the wake of the accident, workers have focused

on building the new ship. "That's provided some solace to all of us," Whitesides said.

Speculation continues about how far the accident will push back the day when paying customers can rocket

toward the edge of space. Seats sell for \$250,000 and the company has already booked passengers including Justin Bieber, Ashton Kutcher and Russell Brand.

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Toy Hall of Fame. Little green soldiers, Rubik's Cube, bubbles make cut

The small, green plastic soldiers that have been popular for generations were inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame on Thursday, along with the 1980s stumper Rubik's Cube, and bubbles.

The trio of toys takes its place alongside other classics including Barbie, G.I. Joe, Scrabble and the hula hoop after beating out nine other finalists including Fisher-Price Little People, American Girl dolls and My Little Pony.

The monotone army men have been around since 1938 but became big-screen stars with the 1995 Pixar movie Toy Story. The army men were finalists two other years before making the cut this time around, offering hope to this year's also-rans, which also included Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Slip 'N Slide, the skill game Operation, paper airplanes, pots and pans, and the toy trucks sold annually since 1964 by the Hess gas station chain.

The brain-teasing Rubik's



The iconic little green army men, Rubik's Cube and bubbles are the latest additions to the National Toy Hall of Fame in Rochester, N.Y. COURTESY NATIONAL TOY HALL OF FAME/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cube was invented by Hungarian architect Erno Rubik in the 1970s, but took off in the U.S. in 1980 after being imported by Ideal Toy Corp.

Children have played with soap bubbles since at least the 17th century, according to the toy hall. Bubbles got the nod as a toy of the imagination, spokesman Shane Rhinewald said, listing it alongside similar inductees including the stick and blanket.

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Kids take mom and dad to work at annual event

LinkedIn's brainchild.
Adult children get rare opportunity to showcase changes that have transformed the modern workplace

Seta Whitford-Stark was dumbfounded last year when her daughter Amy quit a job at an employee-recruiting agency to work for LinkedIn, an Internet company unknown to Seta.

Amy, now 29, tried to explain what the online professional networking service did, but Seta, now 73, couldn't quite grasp the concept or why Amy would want to work there.

Then Seta got to observe Amy and her colleagues in action at LinkedIn Corp.'s New York office and came away with a much better



LinkedIn employee Rob Schill, right, does morning stretches with his mother Barbara, centre, Thursday, during the company's second annual Bring In Your Parents Day, at LinkedIn headquarters in Mountain View, Calif.

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understanding of her daughter's career. She was back at LinkedIn again Thursday for its second annual Bring In Your Parents Day, joining

thousands of parents at companies around the globe.

Conceived by LinkedIn last year, more than 50 companies and other organiza-

tions in 16 countries are now embracing this generational spin on the take-the-kids-to-work craze that began a couple of decades ago. Companies realize that some parents who once tried to enlighten their kids by letting them tag along at work may be confused about what their now-adult children do.

LinkedIn views parents' day as another way to help its 6,000 employees tap the knowledge of earlier generations. Research commissioned by the company found nearly two-thirds of U.S. workers believe their parents have advice to give that could help further their careers, but haven't yet shared it.

On the flip side, about 20 per cent of the parents surveyed said they are reluctant to pass along their wisdom because they don't know enough about their children's careers.

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Belgian passions enflamed over country's proposed policies

A protester takes a selfie in front of a burning car during a national trade union demonstration in Brussels on Thursday. Tens of thousands of demonstrators are converging on the Belgian capital to protest government policies that will extend the pension age, contain wages and cut into public services. GEERT VANDEN WIJNGAERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Domestic violence. Suspect held on \$2M bail

A man surrendered in Oregon after he admitted to killing his girlfriend, police said.

David Kalac's arrest Wednesday night nearly 320 kilometres from the crime scene in Washington state came after a daylong manhunt.

He's accused of killing Amber Lynn Coplin, whose teenage son heard the couple arguing and found his mother dead in their apartment.

Kalac, 33, evaded police in the woman's stolen car until he emerged from a

wooded area and turned himself in to a passing officer, authorities said.

Coplin's son came home from school and took a nap. When he woke up he checked on his mother and found her unresponsive. He called his father — Coplin's estranged husband — who arrived and called police. He reported Coplin's face was bloody, bruised and bashed in.

Kalac was charged with second-degree murder, with his bail set at \$2 million.

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Concerned parents

Teacher resigns amid Ebola fears

A Catholic school teacher in Kentucky was told to take a leave of absence for 21 days when she returned from a mission trip to Kenya, despite the country being thousands of miles from the outbreak's epicentre.

Parents were concerned about Susan Sherman's recent trip to Kenya, leading the school to ask Sherman to take a mandatory leave.

Sherman resigned Thursday.

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Florida

Man unfazed by public feeding homeless policy

Despite being charged with violating a new law by feeding the homeless in Florida, a 90-year-old man said he's not deterred and even went back out to serve more food at a public park.

The faceoff in Fort Lauderdale over the ordinance restricting public feeding of the homeless has pitted those with compassionate aims against those protecting their neighbourhoods. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Donetsk teens die as mortar hits schoolyard

Ceasefire? Students were playing soccer at their school when a mortar landed on the field, killing two and injuring four

The shelling of a high school in Ukraine's rebel stronghold of Donetsk has chilled even the most battle-hardened in this weary nation.

The deaths of two teenagers as they were playing soccer after lunch Wednesday is a stark reminder that the ceasefire agreed upon in September has only ever existed on paper.

The warring sides — government troops on one side and pro-Russia separatists on the other — now look as far from any lasting settlement as they ever were.

On the soccer field at Donetsk's school No. 63, two bloodied coats still lay out in the open Thursday as relatives and staff gathered at the scene.

Alexander Yeliseyev, the father of one victim, 18-year-old Andrei, walked by in shock as he gathered belongings left behind when his son's body was removed — a dark brown coat and a pair of sneakers.

"They went to play football at about 2 p.m., while I was at work. And then the shelling began. Here you see the result," Yeliseyev said, adding 14-year-old Danya was also killed.

Four other students were wounded, said Dr. Vladimir Voropayev, chief of the children's trauma unit at the Donetsk's regional hospital.

Authorities in the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, said the security services will investigate the shelling of the school, but officials already appear to have made their mind up, believing the shells came from an area controlled by separatist forces.

The rebels, however, swiftly blamed Ukrainian forces for the deadly attack, saying government troops often indiscriminately target residential areas in eastern Ukraine.

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Parents of the killed and injured children leave the football pitch in Donetsk, Ukraine on Thursday, where an artillery strike killed two teenagers and injured four more as they were playing soccer. MSTYSLAV CHERNOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Microsoft beefs up Office software apps

Fundamental shift.

As more workers use smartphones and tablets to get the job done, Microsoft shifts away from PCs to mobile

Microsoft is releasing new, beefed-up versions of its popular Office software apps for iPhones and iPads, part of the company's push to stay relevant to workers in an increasingly mobile world.

It's also working on new versions for Android tablets and phones, although they're not yet ready for general release.

As more workers use smartphones and tablets along with — or instead of — desktop PCs, they want to have the same capabilities on all their devices.

says Michael Atella, director of Microsoft's Office apps product management. Microsoft has been working for the last two years to build new web-based versions of its software and apps that easily can be used on the much smaller screens of mobile devices, but still seem familiar to people who use the traditional desktop tools.

The free updates, including Word, Excel and PowerPoint, replace a limited iPhone version and upgrade a more powerful set of apps that the company released for iPad tablets in March, which has been downloaded 40 million times. The older iPhone version allowed users to view files and make simple editing changes, but the new apps will resemble the iPad versions and have more of the capabilities found in Office software used on desktop computers.

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Montreal

SNC-Lavalin to cut 4,000 workers

SNC-Lavalin says it will reduce the company's global workforce by 4,000, or nine per cent of the total, over an 18-month period starting in 2015.

The Montreal-based engineering and construction company says the job cuts — which will reduce the company's profit this year but save money over the longer term — are part of its efforts to get out of underperforming business segments. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Soaring profits. Air Canada to expand its global routes

Air Canada plans to accelerate expansion on international routes after reporting the best quarter in the airline's 77-year history.

The Montreal-based company said Thursday that it plans to increase overall capacity by nine to 10 per cent next year, compared with this year's projected increase of seven to eight per cent.

Much of the added capacity will be in the international business, with domestic capacity project to

increase by four or five per cent. More than half of the international growth will come from expansion of its low-cost Rouge subsidiary, while much of the rest will flow from using lower cost Boeing 787 Dreamliners.

Rouge is adding Asian and South American destinations and increasing the frequency of European flights, as a new 10-year agreement with pilots allows it to increase the number of widebody aircraft.

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CRTC. Dump Internet, phone, cable with no wait

Canadians should have an easier time cancelling their cable, starting early next year.

The Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) has announced a decision that consumers will no longer have to give advance notice if they want to switch television, Internet or phone service providers.

This is the first decision to come out of the CRTC's Let's Talk TV: A Conversation with Canadians hearings on the future of television that were held earlier this year. It decrees

that consumers will no longer have to give 30 days' notice if they want to cancel a service.

The order goes into effect on Jan. 23, 2015. It's hoped the move will allow consumers to better take advantage of a competitive marketplace.

The 30-day cancellation provision was a source of many consumer complaints. Thursday's ruling follows a similar order applying to cellphone services that has been in place since December 2013.

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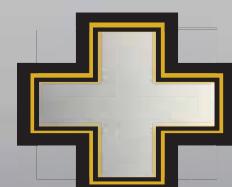
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ELEPHANTS, ARTISTS & ALLEGED ARSES

1 Elephant Stampede in America. After this week's mid-term elections, U.S. President Barack Obama must feel as if an elephant sat on his head. Republicans gained seven seats in the Senate, giving them control; 12 seats in the House of Representatives, strengthening their grip; and three governorships. Imagine if Stephen Harper had to govern while the Liberals or NDP had a majority in the Commons. On the upside, Obama, who is limited to two terms under the U.S. Constitution and can't run again in 2016, should have plenty of time to work on his golf game.

2 D.C. Bud? Speaking of high places, Washington, D.C., is one of three U.S. jurisdictions voting to legalize marijuana this week, the others being Alaska and Oregon — where, as far as we can tell, everything is legal. So now there are five; Washington State and Colorado voted



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to legalize pot last year. (Plus there are 23 states that allow the sale and use of medical marijuana.) So whenever the politicians in Washington do something that boggles the mind, we'll know the answer to the inevitable question: "What were they smoking?"

3 The Physics of Hollywood. As if the Big Bang Theory weren't enough, quantum physics is taking over the big screen, too. This week's big Hollywood release is Interstellar, in which Matthew McConaughey and Anne Hathaway travel to the stars through a black hole. Making sure the math works, renowned physicist Kip Thorne is the movie's science adviser. Also released today: The Theory of Everything, about the genius who defined black holes, Stephen Hawking. Coming up on November 28 is The Imitation Game, about another mathematical genius, Alan Turing, the father of the computer. Sylvester Stallone, where

are you when we need you?

4 Paint by the Numbers. You've worked ceaselessly to put the kid through school, hoping for a doctor or a lawyer or at least an MBA. But the apple of your eye wants to be a painter. Before you unpack The Lecture, you should know that Edouard Manet's Spring went for \$65 million at Christie's in New York this week, while over at Sotheby's, Vincent Van Gogh's Still Life, Vase With Daisies and Poppies sold for \$61.8 million. Of course, painters are generally worth more after they're dead, while lawyers usually only have to wait until they make partner.

5 Harassment in High Places. After last week's frankly astonishing revelations about Jian Ghomeshi and his alleged treatment of women (and at least one man), this week it just got more astonishing when two Liberal MPs were suspended after being accused of harassment by two NDP MPs. And we're not talking during Question Period. Meanwhile, more skeletons are rattling in the closets of Parliament Hill. Stay tuned.

Murmuration sensation



These photos show a murmuration of starlings putting on a display Thursday, near the town of Gretna, Scotland. ALL PHOTOS OWEN HUMPHREYS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scottish starlings put on spectacular show

Starlings have once again been putting on a spectacular display as they gather in huge

murmurations at Gretna in the south of Scotland.

Tens of thousands of the birds are regularly seen around this time of year near the Dumfries and Galloway

town in southwestern Scotland. It is one of the most famous locations for the natural spectacle, the definitive reason for which is not known.

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Theories

The birds may be gathering to stay safe from predators or to stay warm in the winter.

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Nesting, nesting, 123


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Winter is coming, which means our sweet summer bird song soundtrack has flown south for the next few months. If you're missing the birds already, the feather experts at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology (follow @CornellBirds) have posted a brief video on the masonry skills of North American cliff swallows, who make like avian bricklayers while building their remarkable nests from pebbles and mud. (LabofOrnithology/YouTube)

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@metropicks asked: Calgary is looking at giving flags to pedestrians at crosswalks. How would you keep streets safe?

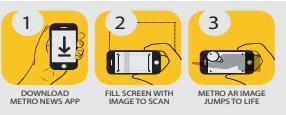
@jamiemay99: I see people speeding thorough crosswalks all the time. The fine should hefty! Hits to the wallet always work.

@cunningpike: Actually, fines are generally ineffective, especially in higher income cities like Vancouver. (1/2)

@cunningpike: License suspension and vehicle impound are far more effective deterrents (2/2)

@jamiemay99: that was actually My first pick. Suspensions. Make them walk for awhile.

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Playing by Asimov's robot rules

Movies. Prolific sci-fi writer is credited with establishing the pop-culture protocol for our wired friends, but some films have dared to break the boundaries

Science fiction author Isaac Asimov's Three Laws of Robotics are a trimmed down version of The Ten Commandments for androids. Simple, direct and to the point, Asimov declared, "A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm. A robot must obey the orders given to it by human beings, except where such orders would conflict with the First Law. A robot must protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law."

Asimov's rules have inspired short stories, video games, music and cartoons. Roland Charles Wagner's short story gave them an erotic spin in Three Laws of Robotic Sexuality while the game Portal 2 sees all military androids sharing one copy of the laws of robotics.

In the tune Robot, space rockers Hawkwind sang, "You'd hold the whole world in your metal claws / If it wasn't for the Three Laws."

And in the Mega Man series by Archie Comics, automatons are almost defeated by an anti-robotic terrorist group because they must abide by the three laws.

This weekend, Baymax,



In Big Hero 6, Baymax is a lovable inflatable robot who can instantly diagnose and treat human diseases. CONTRIBUTED

In Review

RICHARD CROUSE



Big Hero 6

Directors. Don Hill, Chris Williams

Stars. Ryan Potter, Scott Adsit

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For all intents and purposes Big Hero 6 is an animated superhero movie for kids too young for the violent theatrics of the Marvel universe. The origin story of a superhero troupe, it focuses on Hiro, a robotics prodigy, and Baymax, an inflat-

able android, as they try to uncover the identity of a masked villain. Without Baymax, Big Hero 6 would mostly be a series of slickly rendered — the animation is lovely — action sequences, catch-phrases and plot threads about revenge and life lessons. With him, however, the movie has real heart. The empathetic Baymax doesn't just rescue Hiro's humanity, he gives the movie a large dose of it as well.

the lovable inflatable robot at the heart of Big Hero Six, abides by the laws.

"Hello," he says.

"I am Baymax, your personal health-care companion."

The roly-poly inflatable bot can almost instantly diagnose and treat a variety of diseases but even when he is transformed into a crime-fighting warrior, he still plays by the rules.

Asimov's stories have been turned into films like I, Robot and Bicentennial Man, where the robots follow the dictums. But not all movies stay true to the rules.

In Aliens, the Hyperdyne Systems 120-A/2 cyborg character Bishop (Ian Holm) says, "It is impossible for me to harm, or, by omission of action, allow to be harmed, a human being," but later tries to kill Ripley (Sigourney Weaver) by choking her with a rolled up porno magazine.

The 1951 classic The Day the Earth Stood Still has both good and evil robots. When alien android Klaatu's message of friendship to earthlings is met with a bullet from a sniper, his eight-foot metal robotic assistant Gort lets loose with a disintegration death ray.

Finally, worse than Blade Runner's killer android Roy (Rutger Hauer) or the robot gunslinger from Westworld, is Maximilian, the silent-but-deadly android from The Black Hole.

Not only does he wordlessly do the bidding of the evil Dr. Hans Reinhart (Maximilian Schell), the blood-red bot later merges with his human creator to lord over the fire and brimstone of hell. Lawgiver Asimov surely would not approve.

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Damon Wayans' high-pitched history helps soften his badass movie role

Q&A. Television star shares his thoughts on playing a neurotic superhero worrywart in *Big Hero 6*

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On the brilliant-but-cancelled *Happy Endings* TV show, Damon Wayans Jr. proved he's a master of the high-pitched squeak.

So it shouldn't have come as too much of a surprise to him that for *Big Hero 6*, Disney wanted his character, Wasabi, to sound not all that manly.

We caught up with Wayans to talk about the animated film, plus his current work on *New Girl*.

Did you feel at all slighted

when you realized the voice they wanted from you was not exactly a big tough guy?

The first time I saw Wasabi's character, I saw him in his superhero mode, with his green visor and his plasma blades poking out, so I was like, "Oh, this guy is badass."

And they were like, "Yeah, we want him to be ... a little neurotic, more of a worrywart." And I was like, "Is that how you see me?"

I didn't really feel slighted.

How is *New Girl* going?

It's going great, you know? They give you a lot of freedom. They don't necessarily use all of it, but you definitely are allowed to express yourself and be funny.

How does it compare to *Happy Endings*?

I feel like *Happy Endings*, we never had the luxury of comfort.



Damon Wayans Jr. voices Wasabi, right, in *Big Hero 6*, alongside Jamie Chung as GoGo Tomago. CONTRIBUTED

We never felt like we were just going to be here for years, so we were always eager to give our best.

When you're on *New Girl* and you know it's going to be here for a couple more years, you're a little more relaxed.

I also feel like the one thing that *New Girl* has that *Happy Endings* didn't — which I feel like they needed

Cartoon career

Growing up, Damon Wayans Jr. says he wanted to be an animator and an illustrator, so he always looked up to Disney. What stopped him?

"I don't know," he says. "I still draw constantly. I'm actually developing a graphic novel right now. I don't know."

"Nobody's ever their first dream — I mean, rarely. There would be so many ninjas and superheroes now if everybody was their first dream."

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Thai, Korean or Chinese, a great actor is a great actor

Big Hero 6's Jamie Chung has a few things she'd like to say about being an Asian-American actress, not least of which is that people shouldn't make such a big deal about her playing Japanese or Chinese when she's actually Korean. And that's just the beginning of it.

How often do you get asked about things like Asian-American representation?

Oh my God! So I was asked at one of the earlier interviews — this woman, I think she's Japanese, was asking me how I felt about playing multiple Japanese characters.

I'm Korean, my nationality's Korean. And I get asked this quite often. I really don't see what difference it makes. I'm honoured to play these roles and these characters, and I know quite a lot about the Japanese culture, as well as Thai culture and Korean culture and Chinese culture, and they are all respectfully very different. But it's weird that I get

called out on those kinds of questions because it's like, do you call out Australian actors for playing British? I just wish it didn't have to be so racially defined. It becomes quite annoying.

How do you deal with all of that?

You just answer the questions as PC as possible. As an

artist, you hope to play all of them and not just one specific Korean character because you're Korean. I don't think that's really fair. I'm sure white actors are not asked these questions.

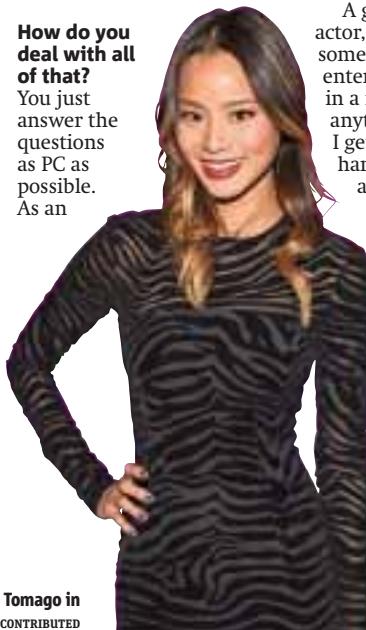
A great actor is a great actor, and they can turn into something else. But it's quite entertaining when everyone in a movie about Egypt is anything but Egyptian. So I get it, I get it. It's such a hard thing to address. It's a very sensitive topic.

Along the same lines, when will we get to see Asian-American arcs on television that aren't just telling the same old story?

Yeah, I'm so sick of that story. And it's my story, too.

I think once we phase out of this decade, hopefully it will become more even. And I feel like we're getting there, but slowly.

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Jamie Chung plays GoGo Tomago in *Big Hero 6*. CONTRIBUTED

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Sci-Fi & Adventure



Interstellar

Director: Christopher Nolan

Stars: Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain

With our time on Earth coming to an end, a team of explorers undertakes the most important mission in human history: Traveling beyond this galaxy to discover whether mankind has a future among the stars.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 74% Audience: 99%

Comedy



Birdman

Director: Alejandro González Iñárritu

Stars: Michael Keaton, Lindsay Duncan

Birdman or The Unexpected Virtue Of Ignorance is a black comedy that tells the story of an actor (Michael Keaton) — famous for portraying an iconic superhero — as he struggles to mount a Broadway play. In the days leading up to opening night, he attempts to recover his family, his career, and himself.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 93% Audience: 92%

Mystery & Suspense



Horns

Director: Alexandre Aja

Stars: James Remar, Daniel Radcliffe

Based on the novel by Joe Hill, Horns is a supernatural thriller. The film follows Ig Perrish (Daniel Radcliffe), the No. 1 suspect for the violent rape and murder of his girlfriend, Merrin (Juno Temple). Hungover from a night of hard drinking, Ig awakens one morning to find horns starting to grow from his own head.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 58% Audience: 93%

Actor interview: Eddie Redmayne talks about playing Stephen Hawking

For Eddie Redmayne, it's a tough call as to which aspect of Prof. Stephen Hawking's life was more difficult to portray on screen in *The Theory of Everything* — the debilitating physical effects of ALS on his body, or sounding convincing discussing the physics Hawking pioneered.



Felicity Jones and Eddie Redmayne star in *The Theory of Everything*, which opens in select markets this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

chronologically — I could sort of slip into different places.

Prof. Hawking has quite a sense of humour. Was there anything about his sense of humour that surprised you?

When I met him, it was about four days before we started filming and I'd spent months researching him. It was like meeting someone that you've Googled. He can only use (his cheek) muscle now to communicate, so it takes him a while — even longer than in the film — to speak to you. And of course I just started telling him about himself. I was literally just telling this genius random facts about himself

for 20 minutes. I was slightly nervous and struggling, so I ended up going, "Of course, Stephen, you were born on the eighth of January, which was Galileo's birthday" — because he makes a big point about the fact that he was born 300 years after Galileo was — and I went, "Well, I was born on the sixth of January, so we're both Capricorns!" Stephen ... then spent five minutes writing out a sentence, and then in his iconic voice he said, "I am an astronomer, not an astrologer." Stephen Hawking thinks that the actor who is playing him thinks that he's a horoscope writer. This is disastrous.

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Movies. Director Christopher Nolan went to great lengths to ensure his film based in outer space remained grounded

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Sure it's an epic science-fiction drama partially filmed using IMAX cameras, with big, sweeping vistas of outer space and thrilling set pieces, but for director and co-writer Christopher Nolan, *Interstellar* is really a family movie. Or at least a movie about a family.

"When I first looked at (co-writer and brother) Jonah's draft on *Interstellar*, it was very clear that, at the heart of the story, there was this great family relationship," Nolan says.

"We found the more we explored the cosmic scale of things and the further out into the universe you went, the more the focus came down to who we are as people and what are the connections between us."

The family in question is the Coopers, led by a dad (Matthew McConaughey) whose promising career as a pilot and an engineer was de-

railed when an environmental calamity made his skills as a farmer more useful to the greater good.

A widower and dreamer, Cooper works the heartland with his young children (Timothée Chalamet and Mackenzie Foy) and his father-in-law (John Lithgow).

Maintaining that core theme and focus sometimes meant engaging in a bit of subterfuge with his collaborators.

Take, for example, how Nolan first pitched the film to composer Hans Zimmer.

"One of the things I did with Hans is I didn't want him to know what the genre was when he started working," Nolan says.

"Before I actually started working on the script, I wrote out a page of what I considered to be the heart of the story — the relationships, the idea of a father having to leave his children — and I gave it to Hans and said, 'Work on that for a day, give me what you've got at the end of the day, and that will be the seed to grow the score from.' And, indeed, the finished score came from that particular creative act.

"And that, I think, is just an illustration of the approach we all tried to take in terms of keeping this about the humanity and using the exploration of the universe as really a lens through which



Matthew McConaughey plays a widower farmer with two children in the sci-fi film *Interstellar*. CONTRIBUTED

to view ourselves as human beings."

For a director who's tackled amnesia, the landscape of dreams and Gotham City, heading to space was a singular thrill. "Really, space exploration has always represented the most hopeful and optimistic endeavour that mankind has ever really en-

gaged with," Nolan says.

The recent retiring of Space Shuttle Endeavour sticks out in his mind, as he and wife Emma Thomas watched it arrive in L.A.

"We were up at Griffith Park with hundreds of people waving flags and watching this thing fly down," he recalls. "It was a very moving

moment and very melancholy as well because what you felt was the sense of that great endeavour, that hope and optimism, is something that I feel we're in need of again. I feel very strongly that we're at a point now where we need to start looking up again and exploring our place in the universe more."

Costumed quest. Anne Hathaway loved dressing up as an astronaut

What girl doesn't love a good 40-pound spacesuit? When Anne Hathaway suited up for her role as an astronaut in *Interstellar*, she figured the only way to get through the hardships of wearing the gear was to love it.

"The first time I put it on, I made up my mind that it was my favourite costume that I've ever worn," she says. "Thanks to (Christopher Nolan), I've gotten to wear some pretty spectacular ones. But this one, it was the closest I've ever felt to feeling like a kid at Halloween, if you could stretch out Halloween for several months." NED EHRBAR



Anne Hathaway CONTRIBUTED

Challenger disaster haunts Jessica Chastain

At first, Jessica Chastain didn't share director Christopher Nolan's wonder for space exploration — probably because of her first memories of the space program.

"I remember when I was a kid, my first confrontation with space travel was when the Challenger exploded," she says of the 1986 disaster that killed seven astronauts, including teacher Christa McAuliffe. Chastain was eight.

"I remember how traumatic it was because I remember watching it on the news, and all of her children and her class were watching,

and I was very young."

That early exposure to the darker consequences of exploration created quite a bit to get over, to put it mildly.

"I had never, ever imagined that it was something that I wanted to do," she admits. "As human beings, I think we need to conquer our fears and reach beyond our grasp. I think it's very important that you don't become complacent and stagnant."

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Jessica Chastain plays a space scientist on *Interstellar*. CONTRIBUTED

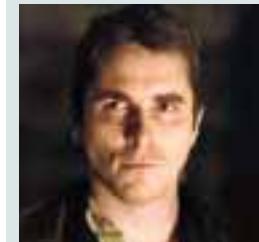


Analysis

Duelling rankings of Nolan films

Christopher Nolan is generally beloved by film geeks and regular geeks alike, thanks in large part to his Batman films — well, maybe not all of them — but opinions on his ever-growing body of work vary wildly. So we pit Metro's film critic, Matt Prigge, and Hollywood correspondent Ned Ehrbar against each other to rank Nolan's films. At least they agree on one of them.

MATT'S RANKING



1. The Prestige
2. Memento
3. The Dark Knight Rises
4. Batman Begins
5. Insomnia
6. Inception
7. Following
8. The Dark Knight

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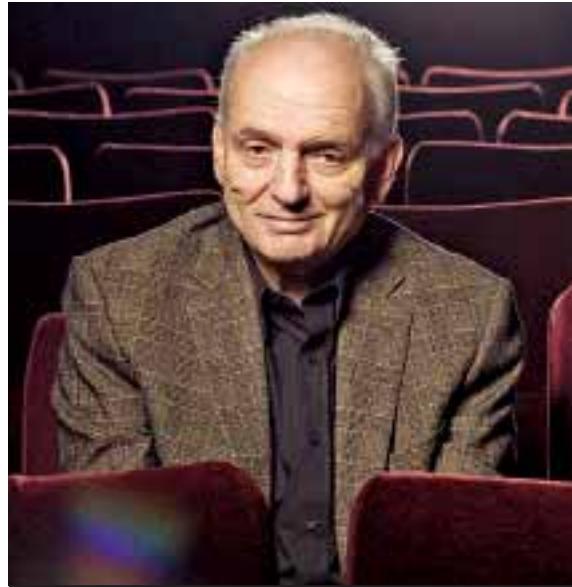
Television. As series is released on Blu-ray, creator speculates what a few more episodes might just look like

The idea of a prequel to The Sopranos intrigues series creator David Chase, but if that were to happen, he envisions it as atypical.

The 69-year-old show runner says he wouldn't mind exploring the era before the show began. "Even if I did it, it wouldn't be The Sopranos that was on the air — obviously at least one person is gone that we would need," he says.

"There are a couple of eras that would be interesting for me to talk about, about Newark, New Jersey. One would be (the) late '60s, early '70s, about all the racial animosity, or the beginning, the really true beginning of the flood of drugs."

For now, he is promoting the release of the entire series



David Chase says he's open to exploring the possibility of a Sopranos prequel, featuring New Jersey in the late '60s and early '70s. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

on Blu-ray. Chase sat down to discuss the groundbreaking HBO series, the hype that followed and the finale's still-debated ending.

How did you deal with the criticism that followed after the show's initial success?

The first season was made, completely shot — written,

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"But for all the reasons that I'm sitting here today, a lot of that has to do with Jim (Gandolfini) and his natural abilities and inclinations."

Sopranos creator David Chase, on the casting of Tony Soprano

shot and edited before any of the public ever saw it, so it existed in this little time capsule of its own with no reaction whatsoever.

So when that hit the media, it blew up. I tried to retain that attitude that we were just out there in Queens making the show and it didn't matter. ... After a while when it became very successful, you just start to go ... I'm going to do what I want. Why not? How often does anyone get this opportunity, so use it. Some people would tell you, 'They went off on tangents.' I could have cared less about it.

Was Steven Van Zandt considered to play Tony Soprano?

Stevie was one of the people

that read for it and that would have been a totally different show. Could have been a very good show, too, I think, but funnier and sillier. ... But for all the reasons that I'm sitting here today, a lot of that has to do with Jim (Gandolfini) and his natural abilities and inclinations.

Was there emphasis to treat the violence with shock value, you know, like Ralphie Cifaretto's head in a bowling bag?

A lot of it is like a ghastly joke. The things you're bringing up, the bowling ball bag, that's not shocking, it's just ghastly and it's stupidly funny ... This was a mob war and it was idiotic the whole reason for it. And I know the other thing about

it was that Tony was very happy when it came time to bury the head. And he was enjoying working that tractor, that bucket loader. That's what I liked best was the absurdity of all that. He was enjoying himself up there.

Did you know in advance the finale's black ending would create such a controversy?

Obviously you can't think about memory before it all happens. I'm really glad I had the creative freedom to do what I wanted to do. I wasn't even questioned about it by HBO.

Are series finales over-hyped?

Most of my TV career, and still happening now, shows ended because somebody got a phone call saying, 'You're cancelled,' and that was that. You had to write an ending and that never even occurred to people. It's over ... On some level now, I feel this ending thing has been overblown. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"My passion in the kitchen stems from my deep respect for good ingredients and for the



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farmers who dedicate themselves to sustainable growing and production practices," Cattani says. "I feel that our style of cooking and this beautiful setting are well-suited to each other. I look forward to being involved with FortWhyte Alive."

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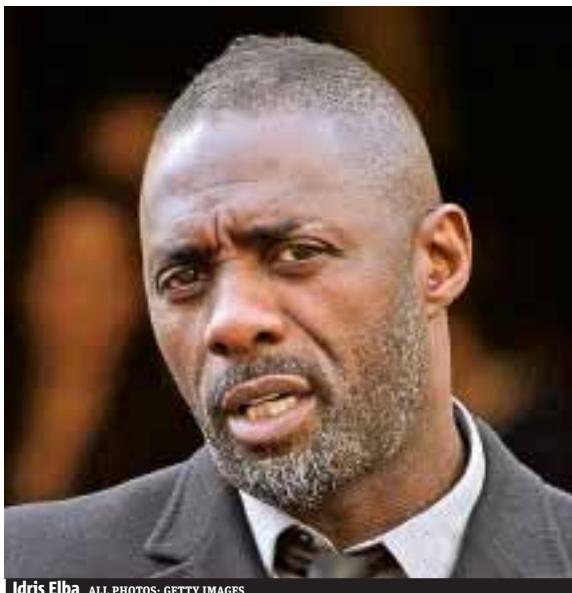
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Thanks to Idris, Whedon's Avengers secret isn't secret anymore

Speaking of apologies, Idris Elba might owe one to Joss Whedon. Vulture caught up with the Avengers director and asked him about the details Elba recently let slip regarding himself and Tom Hiddleston popping up in next year's *Avengers: Age of Ultron*. Not

surprisingly, Whedon wasn't pleased.

"Um, should he receive an email from me, there might be an attitude of scold," Whedon says. "When you have a cast of 19,000 people, inevitably, once every month, you pick up (a story) and you're like, 'Awww.'"

Angelina determined to have more careers than she has kids

Angelina Jolie says that she's "open" to the idea of pursuing a career in politics — because obviously, she doesn't have enough jobs already.

The actress, writer, director, humanitarian, UN goodwill ambassador and cancer awareness spokeswoman tells *Vanity Fair*, "When you work as a humanitarian, you are conscious that politics have to be considered. Because if you really want to make an extreme change, then you have a responsibility."

But running for office could be tricky when any opponent can just flash footage of Gia, something Jolie has



also considered, admitting that her acting career could "make it less possible" for her to win a high-profile election. "I am conscious of what I do for a living," she says.

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The Word



McGowan sorry for 'gay misogyny' crack, sort of

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Rose McGowan would like the gay community to know that she's very, very sorry for saying that gay men are "as misogynistic as straight men, if not more so" during a podcast chat with Bret Easton Ellis.

"You want to talk about the fact that I have heard nobody in the gay community, no gay males, standing up for women on any level? I think it's what happens to you as a group when you

are starting to get most of what you fought for," she said during the podcast.

"I have not seen a single peep from these people, who supposedly represent lesbians as well. When the Equal Pay Act was shut down by Republicans in the Senate, not a single man mentioned that. I see now people who have basically fought for the right to stand on top of a float wearing an orange Speedo and take (ecstasy). Gay misogyny is a huge problem."

So, about that apology?

In an op-ed for the Advocate, McGowan says she "made a dumb generalization" and could have "articulated my frustration in a better fashion," but stands by her core point that if she doesn't see something with her own eyes, it hasn't happened.



Kathy Griffin

Kathy Griffin and Fashion Police network play she said, E! said

Kathy Griffin says she's considering an offer from E! to assume the late Joan Rivers' spot on *Fashion Police* — only the network says that no such offer has been made.

"They did offer it to me. I don't know if the situation is

correct or right at this time for me. We'll see," Griffin recently told *People* magazine.

But when asked about that possibility, an E! spokeswoman said, "This is absolutely not true."

Maybe now it's not, sure.

Spacey to star as Tricky Dick in film with a kooky King of Rock and Roll hook

Elvis & Nixon, the upcoming film inspired by one of the kookiest photos of the 20th century, has found its leads. Kevin Spacey will star as Richard Nixon, while *Boardwalk Empire* and *Man of Steel* star Michael Shannon will grow some pretty impressive sideburns to play Elvis Presley. I'm not sure how they're going to stretch an awkward photo opportunity into a two-hour movie, but we'll know soon enough.



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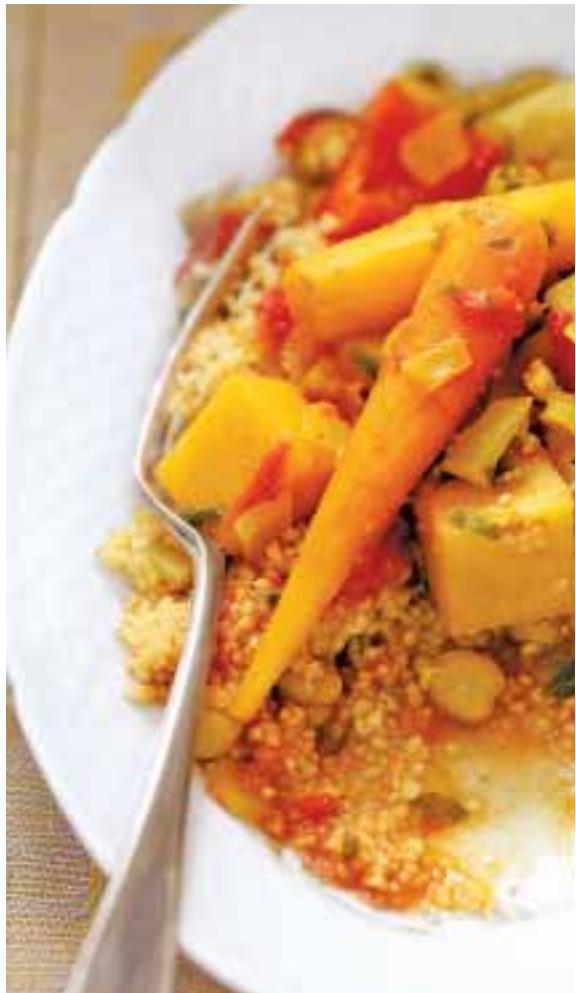
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Couscous

1. At the last moment, add the cilantro and stir into the slow cooker. Remove 2 1/2 cups (625 ml) of the boiling hot liquid from the slow cooker and pour into a bowl. Add the couscous and oil and stir. Cover and let rest for 5 minutes. Fluff the couscous with a fork. If the slow cooker is on the Warm mode, heat the broth for a few minutes in the microwave oven before adding the couscous.

Otherwise, the broth will not be warm enough to cook the couscous.

2. Serve the couscous with the vegetables and chickpeas.

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Ingredients

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- 2 onions, chopped
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 tsp ground turmeric
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 3 cups (750 ml) water
- 1 can (14 oz /398 ml) diced tomatoes
- 1 can (14 oz /398 ml) chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 5 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 2 turnips, peeled and each cut into 6 wedges
- 2 different coloured bell peppers, seeded and diced
- 1 small rutabaga, peeled and cubed
- 2 zucchini, cut into half slices
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) honey
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) Harissa
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- Salt and pepper

Couscous

- 2 1/2 cups (500 g) medium couscous
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil

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My best advice when asked the secret to a foolproof food and wine pairing is to keep things close to home.

Generally, a wine made in the same place as your entree will make a happier marriage than one from a foreign vineyard.



This is especially true in Europe, where the evolution of winemaking and the culinary arts started around the same time.

What if your dish comes from a country not known for wine? Though Morocco does make some, finding a bottle in Canada will be a challenge. That means going abroad to find a match for Ricardo's veggie and chickpea couscous recipe.

The lack of a featured protein means a white will pour better than a red. Think something light, dry and refreshing like a pinot grigio or sauvignon blanc.

Mirroring the exotic spice elements on your plate with a like-minded wine is another avenue. The tropical, fruit-salad flavours of Como Sur's Bicicleta 2013 Viognier (\$9.99 - \$12.99) from Chile are balanced by good acidity and a nice white pepper finish. PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

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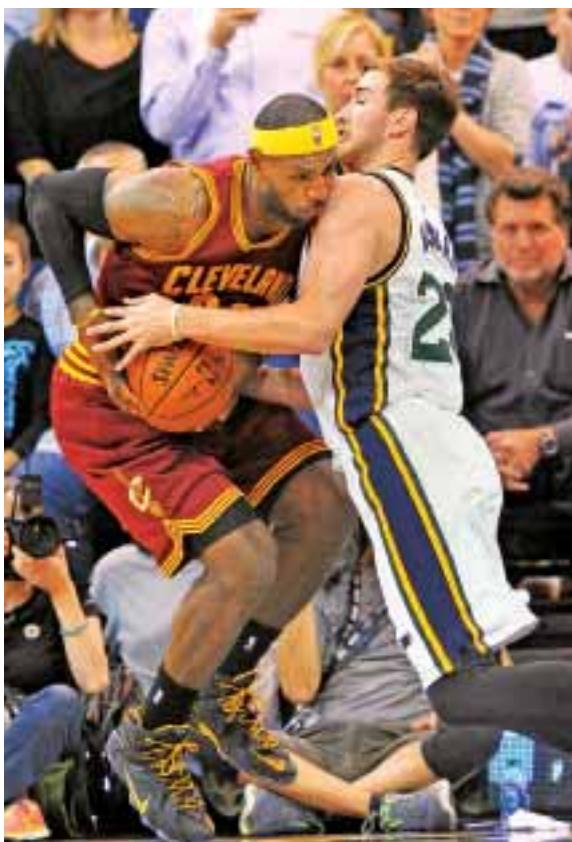


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LeBron James was neutralized in Utah by Gordon Hayward, who also hit Wednesday night's game-winning shot in the Jazz's 102-100 win over the Cavaliers. GETTY IMAGE

James preaches patience after Cavs' last-gasp loss

'Rome wasn't built in a day.' Cleveland's star knows the season is long but acknowledges work must be done following Jazz defeat

LeBron James looked over his shoulder, almost in disbelief.

This isn't what he — or anyone else — imagined for the Cavaliers.

As Utah's Gordon Hayward was mobbed by teammates after hitting a fadeaway shot over the outstretched arm of Cavaliers forward Tristan Thompson at the buzzer to beat Cleveland 102-100 on Wednesday night, James peered back incredulously at the celebration one last time.

He shook his head and walked to the locker room

after a second stunning loss in 24 hours.

The Cavs — James, fellow All-Stars Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love, picked by Vegas oddsmakers to win it all — are 1-3 and look nothing like championship contenders. Four games into the season, they are not jelling and something of a mess.

"Rome wasn't built in a day," James said.

Neither are NBA title teams. Just a week into the season, the Cavaliers have major chemistry issues, a motionless offence and defensive holes they might not be able to address without making a trade or two.

Rookie coach David Blatt has preached patience, but has already toyed with his starting lineup, replacing guard Dion Waiters with veteran Shawn Marion.

One day after James played passively in a loss at Portland to prove a point

Quote

"We just can't win like that. We've to figure out a way to help each other and not make it so tough."

LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers on the team having just six assists against Utah

LeBron's view

• He's willing to accept failure as long as it stimulates growth. "I still got to figure out ways to get my teammates involved, too," James said after scoring 31 points, including Cleveland's final six, in the loss to the Jazz. "Cause it just can't be a one-, two- or three-man show. We have to do it together."

a way to help each other and not make it so tough." And while some Cleveland fans are troubled by the slow start, James seems to be taking it in stride, posting a message on his Twitter page Thursday.

"There's no way you can win a basketball game like that, just having six assists," said James, who had four of the six assists.

"We just can't win like that. We have to figure out

In the words of the great @Aaron-Rodgers12 'RELAX.'"

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CFL

Lions and Calgary to experiment with quarterbacks

The B.C. Lions and Calgary Stampeders will put on a quarterbacking show Friday in their final game of the 2014 CFL regular season at B.C. Place Stadium.

Both clubs plan to use two signal-callers as they get ready for the playoffs. Kevin Glenn will start as usual for the Lions (9-8) as they attempt to lock up third place in the West Division. But rarely used backup John Beck, the league's oldest rookie quarterback at 33, will also see action.

"It's one of those situations where I'm going to let (Glenn) play as much as he needs to," said Lions coach Mike Benevides. "I don't have any thoughts of having a sequence in and out." Backup Drew Tate will start for the Stampeders (14-3), who have secured first place and a bye to the Western Final at home. Starter Bo Levi Mitchell will see limited duty as Calgary attempts to bounce back from an upset loss to Winnipeg during a snowstorm at home last weekend.

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CFL. O'Brien blocking Argos' playoff path



Danny O'Brien GETTY IMAGES

This is the best-possible scenario for the Argonauts, but perhaps the worst possible news for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. The Tiger-Cats would not be happy to hear that their destiny may hinge on Ottawa's backup quarterback.

The 2-15 Redblacks, who have nothing to play for except pride, will put rookie Danny O'Brien at the controls for most of the game Friday against the Argonauts in Toronto. Veteran quarterback Henry Burris, who has been riding a 3-0 streak against the Argos going back to last season, will likely get the hook somewhere in the first quarter.

By not fielding their best team for the full game, the Redblacks are giving Toronto a big advantage in a game that the Argos (7-10) must win in order to keep their slim playoff hopes alive.

If the Argos beat Ottawa in the last regular-season game of the season, the Tiger-Cats (8-9) would have to defeat the first-place Montreal Alouettes (9-8) on Saturday in Hamilton to save their own skins and send the Boatmen adrift. O'Brien has thrown only 29 passes this season in only eight appearances. But he has thrown four TD passes in his last three games.

Ottawa head coach Rick

Campbell said he wants to get a better look at the 24-year-old signal-caller who is out of Catawba College, a private, liberal arts college in Salisbury, N.C. "We're going to let Danny go indefinitely," Campbell said, "and see how he goes. We want to get him in there and let him experience the flow of the game."

"He came into training camp and we've liked him. He has the physical skills, but now you need to find out with guys if they can do it in live action."

Campbell said, however, that winning is more important than auditioning players.

"We've been committed the last couple of weeks to seeing some new faces," Campbell said, "but in our minds we're not doing that at the cost of trying to win a game."

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Hockey meets art on goalies' masks

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Airbrush artist in high demand as netminders increasingly want to bring flair to the ice

Steve Mason unzipped the bag and inside found zombie heads, with mouths agape, staring right back at him through whitewashed eyes.

Mason removed his newly painted goalie helmet, the latest piece of art for his collection, and pinpointed Philadelphia Flyers teammates who have been transformed into decaying faces and rotting corpses. There was Claude Giroux, with white

eyes matching the colour of the captains' patch on his jersey. Wayne Simmonds and Jakub Voracek may as well have lumbered straight off the set of Michael Jackson's *Thriller* video.

"Beautiful," Mason said, rotating his helmet to eye each ghoulish character.

Mason's helmet does more than protect his noggin from pucks whipped in his direction on a daily basis. It's a symbol of his love for both ghouls and his teammates, a colorful sign of respect for the guys on the ice who watch his back.

The helmet was made by airbrush ace Franny Drummond, one of a very few NHL helmet artists who make the designs come to life. Drummond "zombified" several Flyers for Mason's latest helmet, creating perhaps the most frightening mask this side of Jason Voorhees.

"I just think it looks cool on a helmet," Mason said. "Ever since I was a young goaltender, I always thought the scary-looking helmets were the coolest ones."

The 41-year-old Drummond



Flyers goalie Steve Mason looks at his new mask painted by Franny Drummond, left, on Monday at the team's training facility in Voorhees, N.J. MATT ROURKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Goalies going artsy

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Drummond's helmets range from \$400 a mask for youth hockey players up to about \$2,000 for the adult versions. One collector, however, paid \$4,000 for a one-of-a-kind Winter Classic-themed piece.

littered his desk with pictures of the Flyers he used as a template for his work. Drummond then picked up his Iwata airbrush, loaded with orange clear-coat automotive paint —

picked because of its durability, not its \$400-a-gallon price tag — held it a pinch away from his sanded white helmet and went to work with a surgeon's precision.

"It's not the most exciting thing," Drummond said, "but when it's finished it gets exciting. You have to wait for it to all come together."

Drummond, a former goal-

Quoted

"I'd put his work up against anyone else's in the world."

Flyers goalie Steve Mason on the work of Franny Drummond

ie who still plays in adult hockey leagues, has created masks for NHL goalies including Boston's Tuukka Rask, Brian Boucher and Montreal Canadiens prospect Mike Condon.

He had his art displayed in the NHL equivalent of the Louvre, when Boucher and Michael Leighton both wore his helmets in the 2010 Stanley Cup playoffs.

He has built a business by airbrushing just about any type of object, from a bus for a radio host to motorcycles, welders masks and walls. He worked for a time on the TV show *Extreme Makeover*, and recalled frantically putting the finishing touches on bedrooms while host Ty Pennington yelled, "Move that bus!" as the show neared its finale.

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March 21 - April 20

Try not to be distracted by promises of fame and fortune today and over the weekend. You need to devote most of your energy to one special relationship instead.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may be tempted to put pressure on a partner to do something for you but it isn't necessary. Even if they do not agree with your aims they will help out of a sense of duty.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

A problem related to your work is not as difficult to solve as you imagine and the answer will be obvious once you ignore the usual solutions.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Do something guaranteed to shock those who see you as a person who never makes waves. Too many people have been taking you for granted.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You need to be open-minded. A loved one is committed to a course of action and, whether you like it or not, they are going to see it through to the end. Support them 100 per cent.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Try not to take anything or anyone too seriously today. Embrace situations that excite your senses and let what happens just happen.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

People have different ideas of what is right and what is wrong. You need to understand that, and act accordingly, over the next 24 hours.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may have purposely kept your distance from someone because you did not know how they might react, but the planets will throw you together today. Your relationship is fated.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Before embarking on a course of action that you have no way of knowing will work, ask yourself if it is really what you want. It could be you have made a decision based on emotion rather than common sense.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If you want to impress a loved one today you should try something original. Your relationship may have fallen into rut but your feelings for each other are still there.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You can sense that a friend is not happy but what can you do about it? First, find out why they're unhappy. The only way to do that is to ask them.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Yesterday's full moon swept away barriers. Let your instincts guide you and don't be afraid to move in a new direction.

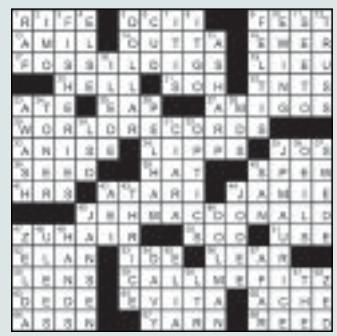
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5. Alias acronym
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17. Untruther
18. "My Friend" indie band from Charlottetown: 2 wds.
19. Liveliness
21. Vintage auto
22. Writer Gertrude
23. __ de Janeiro
25. __ brulee (Dessert)
30. Others: Spanish
32. Sashayed
33. ____ (Transporters of goods across Canada, e.g.)
37. Text' suffix
38. Caviar
39. The Altar constellation
40. Sugary suffix
41. Nackawic, New Brunswick ...with its giant axe tourist attraction, it's not surprising it's known as the '____ of Canada'
45. Prehistoric tool materials

46. From __-bottom
 47. Electoral roster
 48. ms. lang's
 49. Wearer of the black tutu in Swan Lake
 53. Caesar's 56
 55. Some flowers
 56. Packing material
- for fragile objects:
- 2 wds.
 62. 1940s outfit, __ suit
 63. Spies
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 66. Pou __ (Vantage point)
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4. "Xena: __ Princess"
5. Scheduled time, briefly
6. Car company
7. Dadaist Jean
8. Dinosaur Toronto's NBA team is named after
9. "It __ ..." ("Who's there?" reply)
10. P, to Socrates
11. Martini ingredient
12. Roman Myth: Harvest goddess
15. Bubbly bar
16. Uno + due = ?
20. New Matthew McConaughey sci-fi movie
23. Mr. Daltrey
24. 'New' suffix
26. Nutritional suggested amount [acronym]

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